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4.5.3 Backformation, lenition and a hogshead



haggis (Scots)	⇒ <i>taigeis</i> [tag'iʃ]
Hjaltlandi (Norse)	⇒ <i>Sealtainn</i> [ʃaLdɪN̪]
hail (Scots)	⇒ <i>tadhal</i> [t̪x.əL̪]
hogshead (Scots)	⇒ <i>tocasaid</i> [tɔxgəsɪd̪]
høll (Norse)	⇒ <i>talla</i> [taLə]
thrang (Scots)	⇒ <i>trang</i> [trang]
vaðill (Norse)	⇒ <i>fadhail</i> [fV.al̪]
vág (Norse)	⇒ <i>bàgh</i> [ba:χ̪]
vervain (Scots)	⇒ <i>bearbhain</i> [bɛrɛvɛN̪]
vōtum (Latin)	⇒ <i>boid̪</i> [bɔ:d̪]
wall (Scots)	⇒ <i>balla</i> [baLə]
warants (Old Norman French)	⇒ <i>barantas</i> [baRəNdəs]
wheel (Scots)	⇒ <i>cuidheall</i> [kujəL̪]
whip (English)	⇒ <i>cuip</i> [kuçb̪]
wudacocc (Old English)	⇒ <i>budagoc</i> [buðəgɔg̪]
yawl (English)	⇒ <i>geòla</i> [g̪ɔ:Lə]
þormund (Norse)	⇒ <i>Tormod</i> [t̪ɔrməd̪]
þræll (Norse)	⇒ <i>tràill</i> [tra:L̪]
þursa (Norse)	⇒ <i>tursa</i> [tuRsə]



Habost	⇒ <i>Tàbost</i>	Hasklete	⇒ <i>Tàcleit</i>
Haugh	⇒ <i>An Talchan</i>	Herbusta	⇒ <i>Tearbusta</i>
Holm (Inv)	⇒ <i>An Tuilm</i>	Holm (Lewis)	⇒ <i>Tolm</i>
Horgabost	⇒ <i>Torgabost</i>	Howmore	⇒ <i>An Togh Mór</i>
The How	⇒ <i>An Tobha</i>	Wiay	⇒ <i>Fuidheigh</i>



Tocamol	⇐ Haukaholmr
Tosabus	⇐ Húsa Bólstaðr
Tundal	⇐ Hundalr



Herað (Harris)	⇒ <i>Na Hearadh</i>
Hafn (Hann)	⇒ <i>Na Hann</i>
Haf (the Atlantic)	⇒ <i>Na Haf</i>
Vatnlausa (Valtos)	⇒ <i>Bhaltos</i>
Vatnsøy (Vatarsay)	⇒ <i>Bhatarsaigh</i>
video	⇒ <i>bhideo</i>

Old Irish	Gaelic ►	Irish ►	Manx
áinne	fainne	fáinne	fainey [fe:N̥ə]
uaċċt	fuachd	fuacht	feayght [fi:əx]
allar	fallas	allas	ollish [alij]
eclā	(f)eagal	eagla	agle [a:ɣəl]

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4.5.4 When not to lenite

Lenition Allowed	Lenition Blocked
Dùn <u>Bheagan</u> (Group 2+1)	Dùn <u>Dèagh</u> (Group 2+2)
Cam <u>shron</u> (Group 1+2)	Caim <u>beul</u> (Group 1+1)
Crom <u>dhail</u> (Group 1+2)	Crom <u>ba</u> (Group 1+1)
MacD <u>hòmhnaill</u> (Group 3+2)	Mac <u>Griogair</u> (Group 3+3)
Mac <u>Mhata</u> (Group 3+1)	Mac <u>Caluim</u> (Group 3+3)
air <u>an fhearann</u> (Group 2+1)	air <u>an duilleag</u> (Group 2+2)
air <u>a' chù</u> (Group 2+3)	air <u>an taigh</u> (Group 2+2)
air <u>a' ghad</u> (Group 2+3)	air <u>an leabaidh</u> (Group 2+2)

Special Frozen Forms	'Normal' Instances
sgian-dubh	sgian dhubh, sgian dhonn...
leth-taobh	leth-fhacal, leth-cheud...
aimbeart	aimhreit, aimhleas...
Caimbeul	cam-bhileach, cam-bheulach...

After	Blocked	Not Blocked
Definite Article ► Nominative	an <u>tunnag</u> , an <u>deoch</u> , an <u>lèine</u> , an <u>norrag</u> ...	an fheòrag...
Prepositional	air an <u>drochaid</u> , aig an <u>taigh</u> , san <u>dùn</u> ...	san chàr...
► Genitive	deoch an <u>dorais</u> , dath an <u>taighe</u> ...	dath an fheòir...

▶ Chan		
+ Future	cha <u>dèan</u> , cha <u>tòisich</u> , cha <u>nigh</u> , cha <u>dùin</u> ...	chan fhill...
+ Pronouns	cha <u>tu</u> , cha <u>tusa</u> , cha <u>sinn</u> , cha <u>sinne</u>	cha mhi...
▶ Certain Words		
a' chiad	a' chiad <u>turas</u> , a' chiad <u>sabhal</u> ...	a' chiad chas...
aon	aon <u>turas</u> , aon <u>sabhal</u> , aon <u>taigh</u> , aon <u>neach</u> ...	aon ghath ..
bu	bu <u>tana</u> , bu <u>dona</u> , bu <u>salach</u> ...	bu mhi...
gun 'without'	gun <u>salann</u> , gun <u>tuigse</u> , gun <u>drama</u> ...	gun chù...
seann	seann <u>duine</u> , seann <u>taigh</u> , seann <u>sluagh</u> ...	seann bhròg...
▶ Genealogy		
	Nic <u>Griogair</u> , Mac <u>Criomain</u> , Caimbeul...	Camshron...
	Clann <u>Dòmhnaill</u> , Clann <u>Raghnaill</u> ...	Clann Chamshroin...
	Siol <u>Tormaid</u> , Siol <u>Diarmaid</u> ...	Siol Chalum...
▶ Place-names		
	Dùn <u>Dèagh</u> , Cromba, Innis <u>Tuathail</u> ...	Dùn Bheagan...
▶ Frozen forms		
	sgian <u>-dubh</u> , linn <u>deug</u> , mo nighean <u>donn</u> , ...	sgian dhubbh...

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►
air a' bhòrd mhór dubh mo sheann chearc mhór dhubh

►
meud a' bhùird mhóir dhuibh aois an dùin mhóir dhuibh

Possessives	<u>ro mo</u> chù, <u>tro do</u> doras, <u>bho do</u> thaigh...
Certain Words	<u>ro gach</u> doras, <u>anns gach</u> taigh... <u>cha bu</u> mhi, <u>cha bu</u> diùid, <u>cha bu</u> mhór... <u>mar sinne</u> , <u>mar sibhse</u> , <u>bu sinne</u> , <u>bu sibhse</u> ...
Demonstratives	<u>bho seo</u> a-mach, <u>tro siud</u> , <u>bu sin</u> am fear, air a' bhòrd <u>seo</u> ...

is	<u>is tu</u> , <u>is tua</u>
bu	<u>bu tu</u> , <u>bu tua</u>
Future Relative	<u>ciamar a bhios tu</u> , <u>mar a dh'òlas tu</u> ...
Conditional	<u>bhiodh tu</u> , <u>a dh'òladh tu</u> ...

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4.6 Initial [j] and [ʃ]

mo dheoch [mə jɔx]	chaidh [xaj]
dhìol [ʃiøL]	buidhe [buje]
mo ghearan [mə jəran]	laigh [Laj]
gheall [ʃauL]	cuidheall [kuʃeL]



eaglais [egLɪʃ] ‘church’

earbsa [ɛrəbsə] ‘priest’

iomradh [imírəχ] ‘worship’

iris [irɪʃ] ‘rainbow’

vs

eala [jaLə] ‘bird’

earrach [jaRəχ] ‘nest’

iolaire [juLɪrɪə] ‘bird’

ionnsaich [jū:Nsɪç] ‘nest’

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4.7 Slenderisation or How to lose a vowel



blas [bLəs] ‘accent’

⇒ blas [bLaʃ] ‘of an accent’

òg [ɔ:g] ‘young’

⇒ òig [ɔ:gɪ] ‘young’ (genitive)

aol [w:L] ‘lime’

⇒ aoil [w:l] ‘of lime’



balach [baLəχ] ‘boy’

⇒ balaich [baLɪç] ‘boys’

ceòl [kɔ:L] ‘music’

⇒ ciùil [k'ù:l] ‘of music’

geall [g'auL] ‘a bet’

⇒ gill [g'i:L] ‘of a bet’



cuir [kurɪ] ‘put!’

⇒ cur [kur] ‘putting’

màthair [ma:hərɪ] ‘mother’

⇒ màthar [ma:hər] ‘of a mother’

athair [ahərɪ] ‘father’

⇒ athar [ahər] ‘of a father’

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Exercise 92.

01	du:n	du:N ^j	12	u:r	u:r ^j
02	Rɔ:s	Rɔ:ʃ	13	ka:L	ka:l
03	kauL	kaiL ^j	14	ba:s	ba:j
04	krɔxg	krūçg ^j	15	ɛx	eç
05	mɔ:d	mɔ:d ^j	16	ɔ:L	ɔ:l
06	ʃɔ:L	ʃu:l	17	Lw:χ	Lwj
07	kahd	kɛhd ^j	18	ka:x	ka:ç
08	sLuəy	sLuəj	19	kalag	kaləg ^j
09	maxg	miçg ^j	20	fər	fir ^j
10	ba:n	ba:N ^j	21	ma:hər ^j	ma:hər
11	Lag	Lag ^j	22	kuNəRʃd	kuNəRʃd ^j

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4.7.1 When to palatalise or Is *doras na h-eaglaise mhór* wrong?

Root	Derived Forms	
mol [mɔ:L]	mholainn [vɔLɪN ^j]	a mholas [ə vɔLəs]
croch [krɔx]	chrochamaid [xrɔxəmɪd ^j]	crochaidh [krɔxi]
leugh [L̪e:v]	leughaibh [L̪e:vɪv]	leughar [L̪e:vər]
buail [buəl]	bhuailinn [vuəlɪN ^j]	a bhuaileas [ə vuələs]
dùin [du:N ^j]	dhùineamaid [ɣu:N̪əmɪd ^j]	dùinidh [du:N̪ɪ]
cuir [kur ^j]	cuiribh [kur ^j ɪv]	cuirear [kur ^j ər]



Root	Verbal Noun
dùin [du:N̪]	dùnadhbh [du:nəɣ̪]
bualail [buəl̪]	bualadh [buəLəɣ̪]
loisg [Lɔ:g̪]	losgadh [Lɔsgəɣ̪]
teagaisg [t̪eɡɪsɡ̪]	teagasg [t̪eɡəsɡ̪]



Root	Comparative/Superlative
dearg [d̪εr̪əg̪]	deirge [d̪εr̪eg̪ə]
bog [bog̪]	buige [bug̪ə]
òg [ɔ:g̪]	òige [ɔ:g̪ə]
luath [Luə]	luaithe [Luəjə]



Conservative	Progressive
air duilleig mhóir	air duilleag mhór
ris an t-slat mhóir	ris an t-slat mhór
dath na duilleige móire	dath na duilleig(e) mhór
dath na slaite móire	dath na slait(e) mhór